

TOWN OF  
HULL, MA

PROPRIETORS RECORDS

1853-1872

START

This Book is designed for the future Record of  
the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in Hull.  
There is now two books of Records in my possession, one commencing  
in 1714. & continues to 1761, the second commences 1812 & continues  
to 1852 - and this Book continues from that date.  
Hull March 9<sup>th</sup> 1853. Robert Gould Jr. Clerk.

At a legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and Undivided Lands in the Town of Hurlb. Plymouth County Mass. Met in the Town Hall in said Hurlb. at nine o'clock A.M. the Sixth day of April 1853, there being a number present the Warrant being read, the Clerk called for Votes for a Moderator. M.B. Tower was chosen

Robert Gould & chosen Clerk to serve the Proprietors the ensuing year. — Robert Gould & chosen Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Samuel Loring, Robert Gould & John Gould chosen a Committee to call Meetings in future. ~~At~~

Voted to have three fielddrivers.

John Mitchell, T. Cushing, John Puffer were chosen to that office

Voted to excuse Mr. J. Puffer from serving.

Voted Mr. D. Cushing serve in his place.

Voted to add one to the list of fielddrivers.

Voted Charles Hersey serve as a fielddriver.

Voted to stint the Commons the same as in the year 1851.

Voted persons putting stock upon the Proprietors lands shall give a list of stock so turned on, unto the Clerk with the natural and artificial Mark upon such stock, also upon whose rights such stock is turned.

Voted said list must be given in within 2 days.

Voted the Clerk procure a new Book for the Records of the Proprietors Meetings.

Voted ~ all lists of stock given in to the Clerk, of stock turned upon the Proprietors Common and undivided lands, be Recorded upon the proprietors present Book of Records, and that Book be used in future for that purpose.

Voted to turn the stock upon the Commons on the 20th of May.

Voted the same Committee be continued to supply a bull upon the Commons, as last year.

Voted to have a committee of three to see that no depredations be committed upon the Proprietors lands or beaches.

Robert Gould, T. Cushing & M.B. Tower chosen to that office

Voted to pay J. Puffer five Dollars for Collecting dues.

Voted to have a committee of two to inspect the stock upon the Proprietors lands.

John Gould & Robert Gould & chosen to said office.

Voted to let the Beaches the same as last year in sections

Voted to sell the seaweed on the inside Beaches, from Strawberry Hill to the Rockland House, to the highest bidder

T. Cushing bid it off 12 1/2 cents.

From Strawberry Hill to the Village of Hull.

J. Mitchell bid it off \$1.00.

The Rockweed section No 1. (as bounded last year).

To T. Cushing for. \$1.75

Section No 2. ditto. 1.75

do - " 3. Mc. B. Tower 12 1/2

Voted Mr. J. Loring be an agent to collect pay for all sea and rock weed that may be earned off by water, from the Proprietors Beaches, and to collect all dues, that may be due the Proprietors

Voted to excuse Mr. Loring.

Voted M. B. Tower serve as said agent.

Voted Not to sell any Drift Wood this year.

Voted No Rags. Run on the Common Lands, after the committee <sup>think it</sup> ~~after the committee~~ not proper that they should run.

The Fieldrivers were now sworn to the faithful discharge of their <sup>and duty</sup>

The Clerk also sworn into office.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Wednesday in June next, at Nine o'clock. A. M.

Robert Gould Jr. Clerk.

at a legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands, in the Town of Hull, Plymouth County, Mass. Met in the Town Hall in said Hull, at nine of the Clock, A. M. the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 1854. The Warrant being read. The Clerk called for the Votes for a Moderator.

Samuel Loring was chosen Moderator for the Meeting.

Robert Gould was chosen Clerk for the year ensuing.

John Gould, Samuel Loring and Robert Gould (Sen) chosen a Committee to call Meetings.

Robert Gould was chosen Treasurer.

Voted to have two Fielddrivers. John Gould & Moses Lincoln were chosen, they declined serving.

Voted to excuse John Gould & Moses Lincoln from serving.

Charles Hersey & Therophilus Cushing were then chosen to serve as fielddrivers for the year ensuing.

Voted to stint the Common lands the same as in the year 1851. Viz. 1 Sheep on two thirds rights or Common

1 Yearling on one Common

1 Cow on two do

1 two-year-old on one do

1 one-year-old on one half do

Voted no Stear kind run after they are two years old.

Voted to turn the stock upon the Common lands on the 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Voted that all persons turning stock upon the Proprietors lands, shall give a list of such stock, so turned on with their marks both Natural and artificial also upon whose Commons said stock is turned upon. Voted said list be given in at the time of turning.

Voted all persons giving in such lists shall state the name of the owner of the Commons they improve.

Voted the Clerk be an inspector of the stock upon the Commons.

Voted to have an agent to see that the watering places are cleared.

Thos Cushing be said agent.

Voted to sell the North Weed and Sea Weed to the Highest Bidder.

Voted it be sold at the Present time.

Voted the proceeds of the same be paid into the Treasurers on or before the next annual Meeting.

Voted the Proprietors be permitted to <sup>take</sup> ~~put~~ (What Sea Manure they wish) to be consumed upon their own private land, from the Proprietors beaches.

Voted, the Sea and Rock Weed be sold in Sections viz—  
Section one commencing at an Iron Bolt in a rock at the South-East end of long Beach to an East course from Moses Towers Barn on Sagamore Hill.

Section two from said Towers Barn, East course, to an East course from the Humaine House at Strawbury Hill.

Sec. three from said East course from said Humaine House to the Proprietors bounds at Point Alderton.

Sec. four from the land of the owners of the Rockland House to Sagamore Hill. (in tide beaches, sea weed)

Sec. five from Sagamore Hill to White Head.

Sec. Sixth from White Head to Strawbury Hill.

Sec. Seventh from Strawbury Hill to Point Alderton.

Sec. Eight from the South Side of Point Alderton to William James' land.

Sec. Ninth What there may be at Wind Mill Point.

Sec. tenth on the out side Stony Beach from O'Gould's land at Point Alderton to the Joneses Estate at the foot of Quaker Lane. (so called.)

Sec. 1.	Sold to O'Goulds. for (Beach), what Rock Weed (may come.)	\$8.25
" 2 "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	2.25
" 3 "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	12 1/2
" 4 "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	1.10
" 5 "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	.25
" 6 "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	30
" 7 "	" John Mitchell " " " " " " " "	62 1/2
" 8 "	Not sold. as there was no bid	.00
" 9 "	" " " " " " " " " " " "	.00
" 10 "	John Gould appointed an agent to sell Rock Weed	\$72.85

Voted, to have a committee of three to procure a bull to be put upon the Proprietors lands. John Puffer, Eph<sup>r</sup> Lincoln & Hiram Gardner chosen said Committee.

Voted, all Sheep that may be put upon the Proprietors lands be marked with an O upon the rumps.

Voted, that no Stone, gravel or sand be taken from the Proprietors lands or Beaches.

Voted, to choose a Committee to consist of five to prevent any trespasses being committed upon said Proprietors lands or Beaches, in the taking of Stone, Gravel or sand, and to settle.

With those who may have taken stone, gravel or sands from said Proprietors lands or Beaches.

Robert Gould, John Liffle, Charles Hersey, Moses Lincoln & David Crushing  
were chosen said committee.

Voted, that the Clerk cause <sup>the</sup> foregoing votes to be published in the South Shore Advocate and Hingham Journal.

Voted, to adjourn this meeting Jan<sup>y</sup> die ~

Robert Gould Jr. Clerk.

At a legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common Land in Hull Met in the Town Hall, in said Hull. April fourth, 1855, at Nine of the clock, a.m., the Warrant being read,

Samuel Loring, Das Chosen Moderator.

Robert Gould Esq. Clerk,

oted to hear the Report of the Treasurer, said Report being read.

Voted to accept of said Report.

Voted to pass over the last clause of the 4. article, whereby to see  
 if the Proprietors will vote by the Mo. of Commons such or owns.  
 until such a time as any proprietor shall be dissatisfied.

Samuel Loring, John Gould and Robert Gould, chosen  
a committee to rally meetings.

Robert Gould Jr Chosen Treasurer.

T. Cusping, Robert Gould, and David Cusping chosen Field Drivers.

(Noted. J. M. Goulet, be an agent to clear watering places.

voted the Clerk, be an Inspector of the Works upon the Commons

Voted the Commons, be stocked the same as last year.

Ordered the Commons, or England the same as was, Edward,  
 Ordered to turn on the Stock upon the Commons the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Mar.

Ordered to turn on the clock upon the Commons the 19 day of May  
Ratified & appointed an agent to procure a Bull to be kept upon the

Ordered to appoint an agent to procure a Bull to be put upon the  
beach near Port of San Pedro by Spanish agent.

common. Added John Ruffer to Sarc agent:  
 Peter D. ...

(Voted to have a Committee of five to prohibit & prosecute all persons from taking any Stone Sand or Gravel from the Proprietors lands or Beaches. Moses B. Tower, John Mitchell, John Puffer, Peter Goulds, and David ~~Smith~~ <sup>Bush</sup> chosen to serve as said Committee.

Voted: The Chairman of said Committee cause a Notice to be put up in John Reed's Shop, and also to be put in the Hingham Paper, with a fine & penalty thereto annexed, prohibiting persons taking Stone from the Beaches.

Voted not to sell Stone, Gravel, Sand or Drift Wood.

Voted to Sell the Rock Weed upon Long Beach & the Sea Weed upon the inside beaches to the highest bidder, in sections same as last year. Voted it be paid for the same as last year.

Sec. No. 1. Sold to John Puffer.	1	\$5.00
" " 2. " " J. C. Gardner.	1	2.25
" " 3. " " John Mitchell.	1	.50
Sea Weed, Sec. 1. " John Gould.	1	.25
" " 2. " John Puffer.	1	.25
" " 3. " " "	1	.25
" " 4. " John Gould.	1	.50

Voted John Gould be an agent to sell Rock Weed from Stones Beach & inside Windmill Point. & Sea Weed on the inside Beaches (Not sold)

Voted Not to Sell any land as requested from the proprietors.

Voted the House be removed by the first of June next.

Voted to have a committee of two to cause said house to be removed Robert Gould Jr. and John Mitchell chosen said committee.

Voted the clerk collect a true list of the owners of the Commons and undivided lands in Hull, according as they produce Deeds, and he to cause a record to be made of the same in this Book.

Voted not to Sell any Salt Grass.

Voted a list of all Stock turned on the Commons, as usual be given in unto the clerk. Within 24. hours after turning on.

Voted this Meeting be adjourned sine die.

Robert Gould Jr. Clerk.



At a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in Hull, Met in the Town Hall in said Hull, Wednesday the second day of April, 1856. at Nine o'clock A.M. The Warrant being read it was Moved to proceed to the choice of a Moderator, the Clerk called for the votes, and Robert Gould of Hingham was chosen for said Meeting.

Robert Gould Jr. chosen Clerk for the ensuing year.  
Voted to Hear the Treasurers Report; The Report being read it was Voted to accept the Treasurers report.

Robert Gould Jr. chosen Treasurer.

Voted to have a Committee of three to call Meetings.

John Gould, Samuel Loring & Robert Gould chosen.

Voted to have 4 fielddrivers, Theophilus Cushing, John Luffer, Maria Fearing & Robert Gould Jr. chosen as fielddrivers.

Voted to have an agent to keep the watering places clear.

John Gould chosen said agent.

Voted to choose an agent to inspect the stock upon the Common lands  
Robert Gould Jr. chosen said agent.

Voted the stint of stock upon the Common lands be the same as in the year 1851, & that the Clerk make a record here as it was that year.

one Sheep, shall be allowed two thirds of a Common.

one Yearling " " do one Common.

one Cow " " do two do

one - two-year-olds " " one & half do.

one - ~~yearling~~ Calf - " " one half do.

That no ox kind be allowed to go upon the Common lands after they are three years old, and that no old rams be allowed to go upon said lands.

And that no ram lambs be allowed to be upon the common lands after being notified by the fielddrivers, to take them off, upon a penalty of one Dollar for every twenty four hours neglect.

Voted that those turning stock upon the Proprietors lands, shall give in a list of such stock, within twenty four hours, upon whose Commons they are turned, ~~upon~~ with the natural & artificial marks.

Voted to turn the stock upon the Commons lands the 20th of May.

Voted the Sheep have the common mark of an S upon their rumps.

Voted to sell the North and Sea Wreck that may land upon the Proprietors beaches, <sup>within one year from this meeting</sup> at the present time, in sections as last year, to the highest bidder.

Voted it be paid for as last year, viz. on or before the next Annual Meeting.

Voted to reserve no right to any person or persons to take any Sea Manure from the Proprietors beaches (except those who may bid it off.)

then proceeded to sell the Rock Weed first Commencing at the S.E. end of long beach. Sect. No. 1. bid off by Theoph. Cushing \$11.50 for one year.

" " 2. " do " John Puffer, 5.25; " " do

" " 3. " " " John Mitchell 5.00. " " "

B. Stormy Beach. — " " 4. " " " do. 10.00 " " "

" Windmill point. — " 5. Put into the hands of a Committee to be appointed

Then put up the Sea Weed or drift stuff upon the inside beaches,

Sect. No. 1. To be left to said Committee, as above said. To see to Wind. M. P.

to Wind. M. P. " 2 bid off by Lewis P. Loring. \$0.25 for one year.

to Strawberry Hill, Sect. No. 3 bid off by John Gould, 30 " " "

from S. H. & White Head. " " 4. " " " John Puffer, 1.25; " " "

To the Rockland Co. " " 5. " " " Theoph. Cushing 1.75; " " "

Voted John Gould be an agent to sell the rockweed to be cut off from the rocks upon any, and all the Proprietors beaches.

Voted to choose a Committee to consist of five <sup>Persons</sup> to take the charge, and examine, and take into consideration the whole subject; in relation to the point, called "Windmill point;" and to make their report at the next Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in Hull.

James S. Lewis, — Solomon Lincoln, Jacob H. Lord, Samuel Loring, & Robert Gould, Jr. chosen to serve said proprietors upon said Committee.

Voted the above said Committee be empowered to prosecute (if need be) those who have committed trespasses or depredations upon the Proprietors lands or beaches, in the taking and carrying off from said lands, Stone, Gravel or Sand; and to prevent any further trespass.

Voted said Committee also take into consideration the whole business in regard to the lease of J. R. Gilmore & Co. to have power to collect the Rent and to take in charge the whole business, and act for the Proprietors best interest therein. — and also to settle all claims if any there be, to any of the Proprietors, Common and undivided lands or beaches, in Hull.

Voted not to sell any Stone, Gravel nor Sand from the Proprietors lands or beaches.

Voted the Clerk proceed and examine all titles to the Common and undivided lands in Hull & that he make a true Record of the present owners, as they produce a good Deed &c.

Voted the Clerk make a Record of the doings of the Proprietors Prior to their records, that they now have, which may be found upon the Town <sup>of Hull</sup> Records, the General Court or Wherever else found, and also all he has or may obtain of their doings between the years 1761. and 1812. their act of incorporation &c.

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Voted that Whenever a Proprietor shall <sup>well</sup> any Commons, such Proprietor shall give a written notice unto the Clerk, of such Sale, the party's name to whom it is sold the date &c.

Voted any proprietor wishing to put a bull upon the Common lands may do so with<sup>out</sup> allowing any of his Commons to be recored therefor.

Voted this Meeting be adjourned ~~per. die~~

Robert Gould Jr. Proprietors, Clerk.

At a Leggl Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in Houlb. Met in the Town Hall, in said Houlb. on Wednesday at Nine o'clock A.M. the eighth day of April, 1857. the Warrent being read by the Clerk, proceeded to choos a Moderator Samuel Loring Esq. Chosen Moderator for said Meeting.

Robert Gould Jr. chosen Clerk for the year ensuing <sup>and to serve</sup> ~~untill another is chosen in his stead~~ and was sworn to the faithful performance of his duty.

John Gould, Samuel Loring and Robert Gould, chosen a Committee to call future Meetings of the Proprietors.

Theophilus Cushing, Hiram Gardner and Robert Gould Jr. chosen to serve as fieldriders, for the Proprietors for the year ensuing.

Voted, to hear the Report of the Proprietors Treasurer.

Voted, to accept of said Report.

Robert Gould Jr. chosen Treasurer.

Voted, James Lewis Esq. be an agent, and be authorised to confer and pass deeds with Mr. Moses Tower, of Hingham, in relation to the land famed in by him <sup>at Sagamore Point</sup> and for the which, he has and does give up the improvement of two Commons rights (as per agreement) or shares.

Voted, the Committee appointed at the last annual Meeting of the Proprietors, to examine into the right the Town has, or had, to lease out Windmill Point; and other business in relation to the Proprietors lands and Beaches, look into the title Mrs. Charles W. Cushing as purchased by him of the Estate of Seth W. Cushing.

Voted, the stint of the Common lands, be the same as last year.

Voted, not to allow Wid. Mary Cushing the improvement of one Common, for the feed that may grow upon her Bank, as heretofore allowed.

Voted, that no person be allowed to stork for any more Common Rights than he or she, shows a good title thereunto.



Voted, that the Proprietors assume the expense of the action commenced by Theophilus Cushing & others against Paul B. Worink and now pending in the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Plymouth; - as well the expense which has been already incurred as that which may hereafter arise, and that the Proprietors appoint a Committee of two to advise, as to the Mode of Maintaining the said action, and all others that have bought the Privilege of taking of Sea and Rockweed or Sea Manure, from the Proprietors Beaches, under the advice of said Committee.

James S Lewis Esq, and Robert Gould of Hingham chosen said Committee.

Voted, the Committee chosen to Prosecute all trespasses upon the Proprietors Common lands or Beaches, be empowered to erect a Gate at Mill Lane at the North of the entrance to the Rockland House, <sup>at the expense of the Propri-</sup> and that said Committee appoint an agent to watch and report all such as may be found Trespassing upon said Common lands or Beaches, to said Committee - and that said Committee prosecute all so found trespassing.

Voted, that the two preceding votes be put in the Hingham paper called the, "The Hingham Journal & South Shore Advertiser."

Voted, that an Article be put in the next Proprietors Warrant for a Proprietors Meeting, To see if they will change the place of holding their Meetings in future. To see if they will vote to assess a tax upon the said Proprietors, to pay the debts of said Proprietors or act on any thing relating thereto, and To see how the Proprietors shall be warned, in future of their Meeting.

Voted, that this Meeting be adjourned. *Seni die*

Robert Gould Jr. Proprietors, Clerk.

At a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common & undivided Lands in Hull. Met at the Oregon House, in said Hull, on Wednesday at Nine of the Clock, A. M. the seventh day of April, 1858. The Warrant being read.

Charles W. Cushing of Hingham, chosen Moderator.

Robert Gould Jr. Chosen Clerk. for the Year next ensuing.

Voted, this Meeting be adjourned to meet at the Ware River House, at White Head, in this town, on <sup>Saturday</sup> the twentyfourth inst. (April) at ten o'clock A. M. & accordingly adjourned.

Robert Gould Jr. Clerk.

At an adjourned Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in Hull met at the Ware River House, at White Head, in said Hull, at ten o'clock A.M. the twenty-fourth day of April, 1858, in accordance of a vote of said Proprietors voted at their Annual Meeting, which was held at the Oregon House in said Hull on the seventh day of the present Month, the Record of the last Meeting, aforesaid, being read, it was voted that the Clerk proceed to read the Warrant, (the which being done) Here with give the names of such Proprietors as were present. Charles D. Cushing, of Hing. Robert Gould Jr. of Hull, James S. Lewis Esq. David Cushing, John Ruffer, Theophilus Cushing, Hiram Gardner, Morris Fearing, Charles Hersey, all of Hingham, Ephraim & Moses Lincoln of Cohasset, --- The Clerk was sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties incumbent on him, in his said office, for the year ensuing.

John Gould, Samuel Loring Esq. & James S. Lewis Esq. Chosen a Com. - mittee to call future Meetings.

Robert Gould Jr. Chosen Treasurer.

Voted, that the Treasurer's Report, of last year be accepted.

Voted, that the Proprietors, choose two field rivers, to serve the ensuing year Hiram Gardner & John Mitchell, were chosen.

Voted, to have three assessors, for the ensuing year.

Robert Gould Jr., Samuel Loring, & James S. Lewis Esq. were chosen to serve as assessors.

Robert Gould Jr. chosen, Collector.

Voted, that there be a Committee to consist of three, to cause the proceedings of this Meeting to be sustained, and said Committee to be empowered to sue & collect all dues, & debts owing to said Proprietors, and to settle & confirm all other Matters & things, that may be referred to said Committee from time to time, by the said Proprietors.

Voted, that said Committee be chosen by nomination.

Theophilus Cushing, Charles D. Cushing, James S. Lewis Esq. Nominated and were chosen, to serve on said Committee.

John Gould, chosen as an Agent to cause the watering places to be kept clear and in good Condition.

Voted, that the above said Committee, proceed to collect all dues for Dock-wood cut & carried from the Proprietors beaches, in times past, & not collected by their agent, John Gould.

Voted, that the collecting of the pay of such as have taken sea Manure under those that bought the privilege to take said sea Manure, as sold at the last year Meeting, be deferred untill a future Meeting.

Voted, that the stint of the Common lands be the same as last year.

Voted, that the stock be turned on said Common lands, on the twentieth day of May, next.

Voted, that those who may turn stock upon the Proprietors Common lands, shall bring in a true list, (as has been customary) of all their stock, with their marks, both Natural and artificial, unto the Clerk, at the time that they so turn on.

Voted, that all such person or persons as may hire Commons & wish to improve them, shall exhibit & shew, a Certificate or a receipt, signed by the owner of any such Common so hired, (expressing the number of Commons so let) unto the Clerk of the Proprietors, before their turning their stock upon the Proprietors Common lands.

Voted, that the Proprietors beehives be disposed off in the usual way, viz. that the sea Manure, be let to the highest bidder, in sections.

Voted, that the seventh, eighth, fourteenth & sixteenth articles in the Warrant; be respectfully referred to the Committee, appointed to sustain the doings of this Meeting, & that said Committee, do, and act in the premises, as their good Judgement may dictate, and for the best interest of the said Proprietors.

Voted, that the Heir of Thomas Jones, deceased, late of Hull, shall not be allowed, to stock the Proprietors Common lands, any longer, unless they raise a good Deed, of the Meadow lands, to be given unto the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in Hull, said Meadows being turned out, & lying in Common, with said Proprietors Common & undivided lands, and in the lieu of the said Meadows the Proprietors have allowed their lands to be stocked, as will be shown by the Proprietors Records.

Voted, that there be no stock whatever turned upon the Proprietors lands, on account of any one, having land not fenced and left out with the Proprietors lands.

Voted, that the Committee, confer with Moses Tower of Hingham, or the Heir to two Commons, in the lieu of the which the Proprietors allowed him to fence, in a portion of their Common lands, as will be shown, by the said Proprietors Records. Said lien having expired, he still continues the fence around said land, and does at the present time, give up the improvement of said two Commons, unto the said Proprietors, (and has always, so.



relinquished said two Common rights unto said Proprietors, from the day of the agreement as above referred unto.) - To cause deeds to be passed, if desirable, of said Proprietors land to Moses Tower, or others, by said Proprietors, and of said Moses Tower, or others, as the case may be, unto the said Proprietors, of a good deed of said two Common rights, or shares.

Voted, that James I. Lewis Esq. be and thereby is empowered to sign a deed of said portion of said Proprietors Common lands, for and in behalf of all the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in Hull.

Voted, that if the Proprietors Committee do not succeed in making a settlement with the Town of Hull, about the maintenance of the Gates and Waterfence, according to their "act of Incorporation" of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in Hull, in 1811, then to proceed to petition the Next Legislature, for an improvement of said act.

Voted, that the Proprietors next Meeting be held at the "Center House" in the South part of said Hull.

Voted, that Robert Gould J. be paid the sum of twenty-five Dollars, for his services in searching Records &c. Information and other services, to Henry C. Hersey, Esq. to assist him in making out a better title to the Proprietors, Common and undivided lands, in a case wherein persons who purchased the right to take sea Manure, on the Proprietors beaches, have had a Law suit.

Voted, that the assessors, be instructed to assess a tax of four Dollars upon each and every Common right.

Voted, that the assessors make out said Tax, within ~~eighty~~ <sup>thirty</sup> days, from the date of this Meeting, and that said Taxes be collected by the first day of July next, and all Taxes not paid in on or before said first day of July next, shall when paid have Interest added, from <sup>after</sup> said first day of July, then unto.

Voted, that all Taxes not paid on or before the first day of January next (1859) all Commons, (that have <sup>been</sup> assessed and Taxed, or before voted, and said Taxes not being paid on the first of January, next) shall be sold, or so many of them ~~as~~ shall pay the amount of said Taxes, Interest, and all costs, that may accrue thereon.

Voted, that all titles to the Common and undivided lands be brought in unto the assessors, on or before the twentieth day of May next.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorised to have money sufficient to pay all Bills, that may remain unpaid on the first day of July next.

Voted, that the Sea Manure that may be found upon the Proprietors Beaches be sold to the highest bidder, at this time.



Section No. 1. (from bolt in the Rock at the South East end of Long beach to the Humane House at Strawberry Hill, & the inside beach from the Rockland House lands, to Strawberry Hill,) bid off by David Cushing for twenty Dollars.

Section No. 2. (from Humane House at S. Hill to Point Allerton, from there to the Jones' land at the lane, (which includes all of Stonez beach), and the Inside beach from Strawberry Hill, to William James land,) bid off by Robert Gould Jr. for ten Dollars.

Section No. 3. (includes Windmill Point, outside & inside), bid off by Robert Gould Jr. for five Dollars.

John Gould, chosen, to be an agent to collect the pay for all Rock Weed that may be cut on any and all of the Proprietors beaches, the ensuing year.

Voted, that Mr. John Gould, the agent last year, pay into the Treasury all moneys collected last year, for Rock Weed cut on the Proprietors beaches, the last year.

Voted, that ~~the~~ <sup>be warned & notified</sup> ~~the~~ Proprietors Meeting, by having an attested copy of the Warrant, published in the News Paper, published in Hingham, Plymouth County, Mass.

Voted, that when this Meeting is adjourned, it be adjourned to the last Monday in June next, at four o'clock P.M. to meet at the "Center House," in said Hull.

Voted, that the Committee to sustain the doings of this Meeting, may apply to the Proprietors Clerk, for all information needed, to assist them in the better discharge of the duties incumbent on them, and that said Clerk, furnish them with all information that he reasonably can, and that he make a charge therefor, & take pay from their Treasury, & render an account thereof.

Voted, that the Clerk write to Jacob De Loub Ex, & request him to look out & take a minute of all Deeds of the Commons, that may be recorded, in the Plymouth, Rec. of Deeds, since 1803, at which time Hull was set off from Suffolk to Plymouth Co.

Voted, that this Meeting be adjourned, as per previous vote, and is accordingly adjourned.

for Robert Gould Jr. Clerk.

Met as per adjournment of the last Proprietors Meeting at the Center House at the South East of the Town, on Monday the twenty-eighth of June 1858, being called to order. Voted to hear the Report of our Committee in Regard to Collecting pay for Sea Manure.

Said Report saith, Your Committee Respectfully present, that they have asked advice of able Council, in Regard to the Collecting of Pay for Sea Manure taken from the Proprietors Beaches, & also trespasses committed upon our Common & undivided lands in Scull, & your Committee do think & are of the opinion, it best to defer the Collecting as above said, untill we get the decision of the Supreme Court, in Regard to the right of taking, said Sea Manure, that we know the better how to proceed in Collecting the pay for said Sea Manure.

Voted, that said Report be accepted.

Voted, that this Meeting be adjourned, Semi die.

Robert Goulds Jr. Clerk,

At a legally called Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common & undivided lands in Scull, Met at the Town Hall, in Hingham at ten o'clock on Wednesday the twenty third day of February 1859.

Charles W. Cushing, chosen Moderator.

Voted, that we do consider the Meeting of the Proprietors to be legal whereof it was Voted to assess four Dollars upon each & every Common Right (the whole being 144.)

Voted, that the time be extended, for the payment of delinquent Taxes, & that all such delinquent Taxes, must be paid on or before the time of holding the Proprietors Annual Meeting in April next.

Voted, that all Common Rights upon the which the Taxes have not been paid, shall be sold at public auction, at said annual Meeting.

Voted, that the Clerk or Collector cause due notice of the sale of all such Common Rights as have not paid, said taxes, at said Meeting, & continue said notice untill the warrant is issued for said annual Meeting & that said warrant to take the place of said notice, with a notice of the sale as above referred to.

Voted, that articles fourth & fifth be referred to the next Meeting.

Voted, that the Clerk cause an article to be inserted in the warrant for our next annual Meeting, To see if the Proprietors will adopt the Method of Issuing Certificates of Share, as is practised by other Corporations.

Voted, that there be an agent appointed to whom Persons wishing to have Rights

to feed upon the Proprietors Common lands, can apply, & it is hoped that all such as have Rights, that they wish to let. will give said agent notice of the same, & thereby they will be more likely, to rent their Common Rights.

Voted, that this Meeting be adjourned, *peni die* -

Robert Gould Jr. Proprietors Clerk.

At a legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in Hull. Met and began as per Warrant, at Prime a'clock, A.M. at the Pacific House (at Simon's farm, so called) at the South East of Hull. Wednesday, April the Sixth, day 1859. the following Proprietors being present. Samuel Loring, Robert Gould, Robert Gould Jr. Jacob D. Lons Esq. James S. Lewis Esq. David Cushing, John Mitchell, Hiram Gardner, John Puffer, John G. Loring, Ephraim Lincoln, Moses Lincoln, Morris Fearing, Charles Howard, Thomas Henson.

The Warrant being read, the Clerk called for their votes, for the choice of a Moderator, Robert Gould, being chosen.

Robert Gould Jr. chosen Clerk.

Personally appeared and made oath, Robert Gould Jr. being chosen to serve the Proprietors, for the year ensuing as their Clerk, that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties incumbent on him in said office.

Before me J. A. Lons Justice of Peace.  
John Gould, Samuel Loring and James S. Lewis Esq. chosen to serve on Committee to call Meetings.

The Treasurers Report being read it was voted, that said Report be accepted.

Robert Gould Jr. chosen Treasurer.

John Puffer & R. Gould. chosen fieldrivers.

Voted. to choose three assessors.

James S. Lewis, Samuel Loring & Robert Gould Jr. chosen.

Report of Committee, Read and accepted.

Voted, that the same Committee be continued the ensuing year.

Voted, that Theophilus Cushing (being sick) be excused from serving on said Committee & that Morris Fearing be added, in his place.

Voted, that the stint of the Commons be the same as in the year 1856. Voted, to turn on the Stock, on the 20th of May.

Voted, that the fences be let as usual, & the highest Bidden.

Voted, that the beaches be let in sections as last year, & as heretofore.

Voted, that any person bidding of any privilege to take Sea Manure on the Proprietors' beaches, shall not commence any action at law (for the recovery of pay of any person for taking Sea Manure) in the Name, or in View that the Proprietors will bear the expense of such suit at law. Without first giving a sufficient notice to the Proprietors Clerk that he shall have time to notify the Proprietors, that they may call a Meeting & see if the Proprietors will sustain the case.

Section No. 1.	&	Charles W. Cushing for	\$10.00
"	"	2 " John Puffer	2.00
"	"	3 " Chas W. Cushing	2.00
"	"	4 " John Mitchell	13.00
in side of Beach	"	5 " M. B. Tower	.25
2. a. & S. side	"	6 " " "	.50
S. side & W. side	"	7 " Hiram Gardner	3.50
D. side & Bay side	"	8 " C. W. Cushing	2.00
Bay side & Rock side	"	9 " D. Cushing	3.00
Redox Island	"	10 " R. Gould Jr.	12½

Voted, that the Committee continue the Motion in the Newspaper.

Voted, that the 10th article be Jonesed over at present.

Voted, that the 10th article in the Warrant be referred to the Committee.

Voted, that the 11th article be referred to the Committee.

James S. Lewis, Jacob H. Lord Esq. J. A. Andrew Chosen to serve on said Committee, for the purpose therein set forth.

Voted, that the twelfth & thirteenth articles in the Warrant be also referred to said Committee, and that said Committee act on said articles, according to their best judgement & skill, for & in behalf of the Proprietors & for their best interest.

Voted, that the Clerk, John Certificates of ownership in & to the Common and undivided lands in Hull.

Voted, that the Treasurer, pay back to Mr. J. Mitchell eight Dollars out of the fifteen. that he paid, for the privilege of getting Sea Manure on the Proprietors' beaches, in the year 1856.

Voted, that this Meeting be adjourned semi die.

for Robert Gould Jr. Clerk.

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at a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in Houlb, Met and assembled, at the "Center House" in said Houlb, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon. Wednesday the fourth day of April, 1866. Meeting opened by the reading of the Warrant,

Charles W. Cushing chosen Moderator.  
Robert Gould Jr. Chosen to serve, Clerk, and sworn to the true and faithful performance of the duties incumbent on him in said office. before Jas. S. Lewis Esq. in presence of the Meeting.

Robert Gould Jr. Chosen Treasurer.  
Voted, to choose two field drivers, for the year ensuing Robert Gould Jr. and Hyram Gardner, chosen. James S. Lewis, Robert Gould Jr. & Samuel Loring chosen a committee to call meetings.

Moses Lincoln, chosen agent to cause the watering places to be kept in a good condition,

Voted, that Mr. Moses Lincoln's bill (of five dollars) be paid by the Treasurer, for clearing the Spring the last year.

Voted, that a committee of three, be chosen to sustain all the legal rights of the Proprietors, in, unto & upon all the Proprietors lands and Beaches.

Charles W. Cushing, Jas. S. Lewis & Robert Gould Jr. Chosen to serve on said Committee.

Voted, that the committee be continued, that was chosen last year to petition the Legislature for an amendment of the Proprietors Act of Incorporation.

Voted, to choose three assessors.

James S. Lewis, Robert Gould Jr. & Charles W. Cushing. Were chosen to serve in said office.

Voted, that the report of the <sup>standing</sup> committee be accepted, (see No. 1.)

Voted, that the report of Jas. S. Lewis, be accepted. Said report is that, the seeds have been drawn & nearly completed.

Voted, that the Common lands be improved the same as last year, With a proviso that the person—

Who may put stock upon said common lands, shall bring a certified Receipt of having a right to do so put stock upon the Proprietors' lands.

Voted, that the stock be turned upon the common lands, on the twentieth day of May, next.

Voted, that the privilege of the Taking Sea Manure from the Proprietors' lands & beaches be let to the highest bidder, & be let in sections as heretofore.

Section No 1. let to David Cushing, for \$5.00

" " 2 " " John Ruffer " 2.00

" " 3 " " C. W. Cushing " 2.00

" " 4 " " R. Goulds " 3.00

" " 5 " " " " " .50

" " 6 " " C. W. Cushing " .50

" " 7 " " John Ruffer " 1.00

" " 8 " " C. W. Cushing " 1.00

" " 9 " " David Cushing " 2.00

" " 10 " " R. Goulds " .25

Voted, that the Creek or Salt Grass between the Rockland & Souse Companies' land & Sagamore Hill, be sold & be let to the highest bidder, for the year ensuing. David Cushing bid it of for \$2.00

Voted, that a Gate, be erected, at Mill Lane, at the place where the Gate usually stops, until the Town of Hull, sold it to P. B. Warrick,

Voted, that the Standing Committee be instructed to cause said Gate to be erected on or before the twentieth day of May.

Voted, that a fine of one dollar be imposed on any person leaving said Gate open.

Voted, that the Standing Committee, be empowered to execute a lease of Strong Beach, to certain parties of Persons, Inhabitants of the Town of Hull for the term of five years, with the privilege of extending said lease for a longer term.

Voted, that said Committee also be empowered to settle the controversy between the Proprietors and

The Town of Hull, in regard to the agreement about the Town maintaining certain Gates & Waterfences and the Town having the Privilege of the Shore & of feeding other lands than what is included within bounds, as described in said Proprietors act of Incorporation.

Voted, that a bill of 'C. B. Cushing' be paid by the Treasurer, (\$13.02).

Voted, that the Treasurer be instructed to present bills to such persons as have mowed Grass upon the Proprietors lands, the year that is past, and also, to certain persons, occupying said lands by ~~the~~ setting, bathing houses and other building thereon.

Voted, that this Meeting be adjourned *semi die*  
for Robert Gould & Co.  
Proprietors Clerk.

At a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided Lands in the Town of Hull, Met in the Town Hall, in the Town of Hingham, at nine o'clock, June 19<sup>th</sup> 1860.

James S. Lewis Esq. chosen Moderator.

Voted, that one more field driver be chosen.

James Cushing, chosen.

Voted, that the report of the Standing Committee of their doings up to this Date be accepted.

Voted, that the Clerk send <sup>or present</sup> Bills to the following persons, in proportion as they may occupy the Proprietors lands in the setting of Bathing houses thereon viz:-  
N. Ripley & \$2.00 Levi Leavett \$1.00 Edw. A. Toby \$0.50  
Francis Boyde \$0.50.

Voted, that this Meeting be adjourned *semi die*  
for Robert Gould & Co.  
Proprietors Clerk.

At a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and Undivided Lands in Houll. Met at the Center House, in said Houll. at nine o'clock in the forenoon, the twenty eighth day of December, 1860. The Warrant being read.

James S. Lewis, Esq. was chosen Moderator. Voted, that whereas the Committee chosen at our annual Meeting in the year 1858, To petition the Legislature, for an amendment to our Act of Incorporation, and continued at the last Annual Meeting, be hereby empowered to employ Counsel in presenting said Petition, - to the Legislature.

Voted, that the Clerk be instructed to make a device for a Seal to be adopted at our next annual Meeting.

Voted, that the Clerk obtain a thousand printed Notices, of future Proprietors Meetings. to be sent to each proprietor, prior to any future Meetings of said Proprietors, and at the expense of the Proprietors.

Voted, that a Committee be chosen to carry into effect the Report of Samuel Loring, Jacob H. Lord and Robert Gould, a Committee chosen for the purpose of making a Settlement of the boundary line between the Proprietors and Nehemiah Ripley, Fearing Burr and others which was accepted, by the Proprietors at a legal Meeting held June 7th 1848.

Voted, that said Committee consist of three persons. Samuel Loring, Jacob H. Lord and Robert Gould. Were each nominated and Voted in to serve on said Committee.

Voted, that this Meeting be dissolved,  
for Robert Gould, Jr. Clerk.



at a legal meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in the Town of Bull, met at the Center House, in the South part of said Bull, on Friday the Nineteenth day of April, at Nine o'clock A. M. 1861. The following Votes were passed, viz.

James S. Lewis Esq. Chosen Moderator.

Voted. that the standing Committee <sup>and General</sup> make their Report. Voted. that said Report be accepted. <sup>and General</sup> said Report sheweth that your Committee brought an action against the Cooks, for unlawfully occupying the Proprietors lands at Stony Beach near Duck pond so called by persisting to build a house thereon, judgment was given against the Cooks, and an Execution obtained against their building, the Sheriff, by the consent of your Committee, Received \$20.- of Mr. N. Cook, for Rent, he having removed the Building from said Beach, "your Committee also gave permit to Mr. J. Beab of N. Bohamitt. to set a building, on the Proprietors land, at Mill Lane, in consideration of his paying to said Proprietors, one dollar for the first year, and a further sum yearly, as said Proprietors may see fit to demand, while said Building shall remain on the Proprietors lands." Further your Committee by C. W. Bushing, collected of Parties setting up tents on the Proprietors lands for a temporary sojourn there, and said Parties promised good and orderly behavior while on the Proprietors lands."

There being no one of the Committee present, that was appointed at the Proprietors Meeting, to carry into effect of a report made by the Proprietors Committee, June 7, 1848.

Voted. that said Report be referred to the next Proprietors Meeting.  
Voted. to hear the Report of the Treasurer, said Report sheweth Moneys Received, \$57, 66. Moneys Borrowed, \$26, 94 & amount of Bills Paid \$88, 60 Bills unpaid \$

Voted. that said Report be accepted.

Voted. to hear the Report of the Committee appointed to settle with such persons as have been allowed by the Proprietors to stock the Proprietors lands, for and in consider-

ation of such Persons having turned out in common a portion of their lands a Meadows,  
 "Your Committee Respectfully present that no one pretend to any claim upon the Proprietors lands or of any right to stock the same except the heirs of Thomas Jones late of Hull and the heirs of Solomon Jones late of Bingham. It appears from the Records that the Father of said Thomas & Solomon Jones, was allowed to stock the Commons, in consideration for lands or Meadows left out and unfenced in common with the Proprietors, but said Proprietors, varied the amount of stock said Jones should put upon the Commons according as the amount of land left out in common by said Jones, in their judgement would keep.  
 Your Committee Met with the representatives of said heirs, John A. Andrew Esq. and Jacob H. Lonel Esq. and after a hearing, they presenting no legal evidence or title to certain Rights they set up a claim for agreed to abide by the evidence as set up by said Jones, that is to say, where said Thomas and Solomon Jones being assessors for said Proprietors, did assess and pay a tax from time to time unto said Proprietors and the number of shares they voted, upon in said Proprietors Meetings, and the lists of shares of said Commons as recorded from time to time, and furthermore, the Production of good Seeds."

Voted, That said Report be accepted.

Voted, That no proprietor or proprietors shall be allowed to stock any more commons or cow-rights than he or they show, or have heretofore shown good, legal title to:—

Voted, that we deny and do hereby deny the right of the heirs of Thomas Jones late of Hull and of the heirs of Solomon Jones late of Bingham, the first named heirs to a claim of four cow-rights, and the last named heirs to the like claim of four cow-rights, and that we protest against the said proprietors stocking the Commons for said cow-rights—

Voted. That our Clerk be directed to notify the above-named Deers of the above votes and request said Deers to desist from stalking the commons on account of said cow rights.

Robert Gould Jr. chosen Clerk, and was sworn to the faithful and impartial performance of the duties imposed upon him in said office, in the presence of the Meeting, by James S. Lewis Esq. Moderator, Robert Gould Jr. chosen Treasurer.

Robert Gould Jr. Charles W. Cushing and Samuel Loring chosen a Committee to call Meetings.

Robert Gould Jr. Charles W. Cushing and Samuel Loring chosen to serve assessors.

Voted to choose two fielddrivers. David Cushing & John W. Tower. were chosen.

Voted. that said fielddrivers serve a committee to clear watering places.

Voted. that a Standing Committee be chosen to consist of three persons.

Charles W. Cushing, Robert Gould Jr. & James S. Lewis Esq. Chosen.

Robert Gould Jr. chosen Collector of Taxes and sworn to the duties of said office.

Voted. - that the assessors assess upon each and every share of the Proprietors Common Lands, the sum of eighty cents, to pay the debts of said Proprietors and for the current expenses of the same.

Voted. that no sheep be allowed to run upon the Common Lands the year ensuing.

Voted. that no bull be allowed to be put upon the Commons before the fifteenth day of August, next.

Voted. that the stock of the commons be the same as last year. - excepting the two last votes.

Voted. that the stock be turned upon the commons on the Twentieth day of May, and be subject to the rules and regulations heretofore

required, as to lists, descriptions & marks of the stock, and witnesses of the shares as hired, of such as hire shares for the purpose of stocking the same,

Voted, that the shares be let as last year, and that each proprietor, agree to stand by and assist in maintaining the Proprietors rights.

Voted, that the Proprietors two shares (lately purchased of Moses Tower & others) be let to the highest bidder.

Theophilus Cushing, bid off the rent of said 2 shares \$1.25 each The shores, Section No. 1, Chas. D. Cushing. \$5.00

Sec. - No. 2 to John Ruffer. — 2.00

" No. 3, " C. D. Cushing. 2.00

" No. 4 " O. Gould & Co. 3.00

" No. 5 " " do " .50

" No. 6 " John Ruffer — 1.00

" No. 7 " " do — 1.00

" No. 8 " C. D. Cushing. — 1.00

" No. 9 " David Cushing. 2.00

" No. 10 " O. Gould & Co. .25

Salt & beach grass on the inside beach and marsh at the North & North West end of the Rockland Co. lands, to S. R. R. for \$3.75

Voted, that the device for a seal, as reported by the Clerk, be adopted, and used by said Clerk, to make an impression thereof upon all legal instruments executed by the Proprietors, or their authorized agents.

Voted, that the Clerk obtain a press & seal as above expressed. - With the following, words viz. -

"Plymouth People landed at Naticott. 1621."

"Indian Deed to Proprietors 1656."

"Proprietors Incorporated 1811."

Voted, that the Standing <sup>Committee</sup> be instructed to cause the Gate & fence at Mill Lane, to be erected where it stood, until, it was removed by the action of the Town of Hull.

Voted, that the Standing Committee be, and are hereby authorised to sign a deed in behalf of all the Proprietors, of all their reversionary interest in the Lands of Fearing Burr and others, situated at the Southward and Eastward of the Proprietors Lands, at and near Mill Lane, in the Town of Hull, Provided and in consideration, that said Fearing Burr and others, shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid all the expenses incurred, ~~on~~ in any-wise caused by the giving of such a Deed, and free the proprietors from any costs whatsoever, and for other valuable considerations.

Voted, that the Standing Committee be empowered to receive any propositions that the Selectmen or any other authorised agent or agents of the Town of Hull, as regards the leading off the gates and Waterfences down, and of feeding of certain lands and the privilege of the Shores, - and act thereon as they in their judgment may see meet and for the Proprietors best interest therein.

Voted, that this Meeting be dissolved.

Robert Gould, Jr. Pro. Clerk.

At a legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in Hull, Met at the Center School in said Hull, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, the sixteenth day of May, 1861.

Samuel Loring chosen Moderator.

Voted, that the votes passed at the last annual Meeting of the Proprietors, whereby it was "voted, that no sheep be allowed to be put upon the Common lands the ensuing year," be reconsidered.

Voted, that sheep be allowed to be put upon the Common land this year as usual.

Then personally appeared John D. Town, and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties devolved upon him in the office of field-moderator.

Voted, that this Meeting be dissolved.

Robert Gould, Jr. Pro. Clerk.

at a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided Lands in the town of Bush, Met at the Centre House on Wednesday the second day of April, 1862. at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Robert Gould, chosen Moderator.

Voted, that the second article in the Warrant be laid on the table for the present.

Voted, that the third article in the Warrant be ~~also~~ ~~laid~~ ~~upon~~ the table.

Voted, that the fourth article be acted upon.

Voted, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Robert Gould Jr. chosen Clerk, and sworn in by the Moderator, to the faithful performance of the duties of said office.

Robert Gould Jr. chosen Treasurer.

Voted, to choose two assessors.

James S. Lewis Esq. and Robert Gould Jr. chosen

Voted, that a Standing Committee be chosen to consist of three <sup>at all meetings and other proper purposes</sup> James S. Lewis, Charles D. Brushing and Robert Gould Jr. Chosen.

Voted, that there be three fieldriders chosen.

Charles D. Brushing, John W. Tower and Theophilus Brushing. Were chosen, and sworn in said office.

Voted, that the fieldriders, serve as a committee to clear the watering places.

Voted, that the Treasurer, be collector.

Voted, that the second article in the Warrant be taken from the table, and be acted upon.

Voted, that the report of the Standing <sup>Committee</sup> be accepted.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorised to hire moneys, not to exceed twentyfive Dollars.

Voted, that the stint of the Commons be as last year except, whereby sheep were allowed to be put on.

Voted, that no sheep be allowed on the Commons, the ensuing year.

Voted, that the beaches, be now let to the highest bidder as in times past.

Section. No. 1.	To C. W. Cushing.	for.	\$3.00
"	" 2 "	John Luffer	" 2.00
"	" 3 "	C. W. Cushing	" 1.00
"	" 4 "	Morris Fearing	" 1.00
"	" 5 "	C. W. Cushing	" .50
"	" 6 "	John Luffer	" 1.00
"	" 7 "	D. Gould Jr.	" .50
"	" 8 "	J. W. Tower.	" .25
"	" 9 "	D. Gould Jr.	" .25

Voted, that section No 10. be left with the Treasurer to dispose off, to the best advantage, for the Proprietors.

Voted, that all the <sup>black</sup> salt, and beach grass, be left with the Standing Committee, to dispose off for the best good of the Proprietors.

Voted, that the Ninth article in the Durrant be left in the Standing committee's hands to act upon according to their best judgment, for the Proprietors best interests.

The Proprietors two commons let to Theoph. Cushing, for. \$2.25.

Voted, (unanimously) that the Standing Committee cause the Gate and fence to be put up at Mill Lane, where the Town of Hull, formerly maintained one, for the good of the Proprietors.

Voted, that said Gate and fence be erected by said Committee in season to prevent the stock from escaping from the Common lands, the present year.

Voted, that said committee enforce a penalty of one Dollar, on each and every person leaving said gate open, after passing through.

Voted, that the Stock be turned upon the Commons on the twentieth of May, next.

~~Voted, that lists of Stock be brought in to the Clerk, as heretofore.~~  
Voted, that a bull, one year old, be allowed, to be put on after the first day of August next, by the supervision of the field rivers.

Voted, that this Meeting be now dissolved.

per Robert Gould Jr. Clerk.

A Copy of the Proprietors Names, the No. of Shares, or Commons, with the amount assessed, and paid by said Proprietor, as by Vote, by said Proprietors, to raise ~~eighty~~ eighty cents. on each share in said Common Lands as owned and assented to by the Persons named, on the first day of May, 1861.

Names.	No. of Shares.	Paid	Total Tax.
Samuel T. Cushing (Trustee)	11 1/2		\$ 9.20 cts.
Theophilus Cushing	10.	"	8.00
Charles W. Cushing	3.	"	2.40
David Cushing	2.	"	1.60
James Cushing	2.	"	1.60
Morris Fearing	3.	"	2.40
Robert Gould, Jr.	12.	"	9.60
Robert Gould, Sen.	8.	"	6.40
Jacob Gross.	1.	"	.80
Hiram Gardner	1.	"	.80
Elijah Hobert.	4 1/2	"	3.60
+ Peter Hobert.	1.	"	.80
Charles Howard & Elijah Leavitt.	1.	"	.80
Estate Thomas Jones.	22 3/4	"	17.60
Sarah Jones	1.	"	.80
+ John G. Loring.	7.	"	5.60
Jacob H. Loud, Esq.	6.	"	4.80
James S. Lewis, Esq.	4.	"	3.20
Saml. H. Loring.	3.	"	2.40
+ Saml. Loring, Esq.	3.	"	2.40
Ephraim Lincoln	1.	"	.80
Moses Lincoln	1.	"	.80
Rachel Lincoln	1.	"	.80
Rev. Calvin Lincoln	1.	"	.80
Hon. Solomon Lincoln	1.	"	.80
Parsonage (original, lot)	4 1/2	"	3.60
John Mitchell.	5.	"	4.00
Warren Nichols.	1.	"	.80

+ John G. Loring. should be 8 commons & S. Loring 2 commons.



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Names.	No. of Shares.	Total Tax
The Proprietors (Bt. of M. Town & others)	2.	1.60.
John Duffer	2.	1.60
Moses B. Power.	8 1/2	6.80
John W. Power.	8.	6.40
X Owner unknown.	2.	1.60.
<i>ditto Tax for 1858 (Reassessed)</i>		8.00
Original No. of Shares.	144.	\$123.20
X 2 shares owner unknown, sold for Taxes, to Peter Robert:		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Samuel Loring.  Charles W. Cushing.  Robert Gould, Jr. </div> <div style="font-size: 2em;">}</div> <div>assessors.</div> </div>		
A true copy - attested: Robert Gould, Jr. Clerk.		

[CHAP. 160.]

AN ACT concerning the Removal of Gates from the Roads in the Town of Hull.  
*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

SECT. 1. No person or corporation shall have the right to erect, keep or maintain any gate across any town way or highway in the town of Hull, and so much of the provisions of chapter fifty-six of the special laws, passed on the twenty-second day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and eleven, as authorizes the erection and maintenance of any such gates, is hereby repealed: and the selectmen of said town shall forthwith remove any such gate now standing upon any highway or town way in said town.

SECT. 2. Any person or corporation sustaining damages by this act, may have their damages assessed and paid, in the same manner in all respects as is now provided for the assessment and payment of damages for the taking of land for a highway. [Approved April 17, 1863.]

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GENERAL LAWS.

[February,

[CHAP. 45.]

AN ACT to authorize the Commissioners of the County of Plymouth to purchase, sell or lease, certain Common and Undivided Lands in the Town of Hull.  
*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

SECT. 1. The county commissioners of the county of Plymouth, and their successors in office, are hereby authorized to purchase the whole, or any part of the common and undivided lands, and rights therein, in the town of Hull, in said county, of the "Proprietors of common and undivided lands in the town of Hull," to receive conveyances thereof in behalf of said county, and to pay for the same from the treasury of said county, and for and in behalf and in the name of said county, to sell, convey or lease the whole or any part of such lands as they shall purchase as aforesaid.

SECT. 2. Said county commissioners, and their successors in office, shall not covenant to bind, and said county shall not be bound, by any covenants other than that of quit-claim and release of such title as they may obtain from their grantors.

SECT. 3. Neither said commissioners nor the grantees of said county shall remove or give the right to any person to remove any sand, gravel or stones from the beaches comprising a part of any lands which said commissioners shall purchase as aforesaid.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [Approved February 19, 1864.]

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At a Legal Meeting, of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided Lands in the Town of Houlb, Met at the "Center House" in the South part of said Houlb, on Wednesday the first day of April, 1863, at nine o'clock in the forenoon.

Charles W. Cushing, was chosen Moderator.  
Voted, that the Treasurers report be accepted.

Robert Gould Jr. chosen Clerk & Scribe.

Robert Gould Jr. chosen Treasurer.

Voted, to choose a Standing Committee to consist of three persons, whose duty it shall be to call Meetings and to act in all cases for and in behalf of the Proprietors, wherein the Proprietors interests are at stake, and in all such matters as may be placed in their hands by the Proprietors, James S. Lewis, Robert Gould Jr. and David Cushing were chosen.

Voted, to choose two assessors.

Robert Gould Jr. and James S. Lewis were chosen.

Moses Lincoln chosen, an agent to clear watering places.

Voted, to have three field drivers.

Theophelus Cushing, David Cushing and John W. Power were chosen.

Voted, that the choosing of a Collector be deferred until it is determined to raise money by Taxes.

Voted, that the assessors, assess a tax of seventy five cents upon each and every Share in the Common and undivided Lands, to pay bills, and the current expenses of the Proprietors.

Voted, that the sixth article in the Warrant be passed over.

Voted, that the collection of taxes be put up to the highest bidder.

Robert Gould Jr. bid said Taxes to collect, at  $5\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. and was chosen collector.

Voted, that the Rent on the Commons be the same as last year.

Voted, that the stock be turned upon the Commons, on the twentieth day of May next;

Voted, that the Standing Committee be and are hereby instructed to address a letter to Governor John A. Andrew, requesting <sup>him</sup> to see that no bill be passed by the Legislature taking off any rights from the Proprietors, without compensating the Proprietors for the same, if so taken.

Voted, that the tenth article in the Warrant be referred to the Standing Committee to act in the premises as they may judge best.

Voted, that the eleventh article in the Warrant be referred also to the Standing Committee to act as they may determine.

Voted, that the Treasurer be instructed to present bills to all such as have buildings upon the Proprietors lands.

Voted, that the Standing Committee be instructed, to cause all incroachments upon the Proprietors lands, by individuals moving their fences upon said lands, to be relinquished.

Voted, that the letting out of the privilege to get sea manure, seaweed, drift stuff and to cut salt or beach grass, ~~upon~~ the Proprietors lands and beaches, or shores, be left in the Standing Committee's hands, to act as they may judge best for the Proprietors best good.

Voted, that the Proprietors two shares bought of Moses Power & others, be let to the highest bidder.

Robert Gould bid them off for \$2,15.

Voted, that this be dissolved.

J<sup>n</sup> Robert Gould, Jr.  
Sec. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided Lands in the Town of Hull. Met at the Center House in said Hull, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, on the ninth day of June, 1863.

Charles W. Cushing, chosen Moderator. The fielddrivers were sworn in by James J. Lewis Esq. Voted, that the Standing Committee appear and remonstrate against the laying out of Highways upon their lands, as petitioned by Nehemiah Oufley Jr. and others, of the County Commissioners, at the meeting of said Commissioners, to be holden at the Dockland House in said Hull, at ten o'clock, on Thursday next, 1863.

Voted, that the Committee employ Counsel as in their judgement, they think for the Proprietors best good.

Voted, that the Committee be instructed not to sell any Stone, gravel or Sand from the Proprietors lands or beaches, and that they demand of Erasmus Whiton and others, to pay all damages by reason of his taking of gravel from the Proprietors lands, and also that he cause deep plow adjacent the cart Way to be so filled up and fixed as shall make it safe to pass at all times in said Way.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Robert Gould, Jr.  
Pro. Clerk.

At a legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in the Town of Hull, Met at the ~~Public~~ <sup>Public</sup> Hall in the Town of Hingham, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, on Friday, the twenty-sixth day of June, 1863,

Clerk Robert Gould, chosen Moderator, Voted, that James S. Lewis (Esq.) David Cushing and Robert Gould, Jr. be a Committee to present to the County Commissioners for the County of Plymouth, a petition in behalf of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in Hull for the assessment and payment of the damages sustained by the said Proprietors by reason of the provisions of the 160<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Acts of this Commonwealth approved April 17<sup>th</sup> 1863, entitled a "Act concerning the removal of Gates from the roads in the Town of Hull," Whereby the Gates enclosing the Proprietors lands are removed, and that said Committee have full power to do all acts necessary in their discretion to obtain redress for the damage and injury done said Proprietors under the provisions of said Act. By Suit, Compromise, or in any other way.

Voted, that this Meeting be now dissolved,  
 J. Robert Gould, Esq.  
 Pro. Clerk.

at a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in Hull. Met at Nine o'clock in the fore noon, at the Center House in said Hull on the sixth day of April, 1864. James S. Lewis Esq. Chosen Moderator. Voted, that the second article in the Warrant be passed over.

Voted, that the Treasurer's Report be read.

Voted, that said Report be accepted.

Robert Gould, chosen Clerk, and sworn.

Robert Gould, chosen Treasurer.

Voted, that there be a Standing Committee chosen for the purpose of calling future Meetings and other purposes, as directed by the Warrant, to consist of three, to be born in on one Ticket.

James S. Lewis, Robert Gould and David Cushing, were chosen to serve on said Committee.

Voted, that there be 3 assessors chosen to be born in on one Ticket, - James S. Lewis, Robert Gould and David Cushing were chosen.

Voted, that there be an agent chosen to clear the watering places, - Moses Lincoln, chosen.

Voted, that there be three field drivers, chosen.

David Cushing, J. W. Tower and John Puffer, chosen.

Voted, that the assessors, assess \$1.50. upon each share.

Voted, that the Tax Bill be put up to the lowest bidder. The Collector to give satisfactory bonds.

Robert Gould bid the bill off & collect for six per cent.

Robert Gould chosen collector and sworn to that office.

Voted, that the Common lands be started as last year.

Voted, that the stock be turned on the Commons on the 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Voted, that the stock upon the Commons be inspected by the field drivers and the Standing Committee.

Voted, that the eighth, ninth and tenth articles, in the Warrant be referred to the Standing Committee.

Voted, that the Clerk cause a notice to be given John Florence to remove this fence back upon the line.

Voted, that the Standing Committee act upon the twelfth and thirteenth articles in the Warrant, with

~~After~~ same powers as (voted) granted to them at a Meeting of the Proprietors ~~held~~ <sup>held</sup> on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1865.  
 Voted, that the Proprietors two shares be left with the Clerk, to be let as best he can. [Warrant,  
 Voted, that the Clerk act under the 14<sup>th</sup> article in the  
 Voted, that all the Bills be left with the Clerk,  
 Voted, that this Meeting be now adjourned.

For Robert Gould, Pro. Clerk.

At a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided Lands, in Hull, Met at the Center House in said Hull, at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the third day of August 1864.

James S. Lewis Esq. chosen Moderator.

Voted, that the Standing Committee wait upon the County Commissioners, and state to them the views which the Proprietors have expressed at this Meeting, and ascertain, — first, What they in their best Judgement, shall award the Proprietors for the damages sustained, by reason of the removal of the Gates, — Second, to ascertain what the Commissioners, will pay for the Common Lands, the Proprietors, reserving the shores and beaches, with all the privileges on said Common Lands that may be required in taking and securing the sea Manure ~~from~~ said beaches, — third What they will pay the Proprietors, for all their Lands,  
 Voted, that this Meeting be dissolved.

Robert Gould, Pro. Clerk.

At a Legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and Undivided Lands in Hull. Met at the Rockland House, in said Hull, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon, the eighteenth day of November, 1864.

James S. Lewis, Esq. chosen Moderator.

Voted, that the corporation will sell all the lands described in the act of incorporation, (excepting the shores and beaches, and one rod above high-water mark, and all right to sea manure, which they now have,) for the sum of \$2880,- provided the purchasers will assume all debts and liabilities of the Corporation. Voting as follows.

John G. Loring. - Representing.	38. Shares.
Robert Gould. do.	20. "
Theophilus Cushing "	10 "
Charles W. Cushing "	7 "
Elijah Robert "	4 1/2 "
James S. Lewis "	4 "
Thomas J. Hersey. "	11 "
John Duffer. "	2 "
Morris Fearing "	1 "
Moses Lincoln "	1 "
Jacob Gross. "	1 "
Elijah Leavitt "	1 "
Bert Jones "	1 "
Ephreem Lincoln. "	1 "
The Proprietor's "	2 "
	<u>104 1/2</u>

Nay.

John W. Tower.

Voted, that the Standing Committee, James S. Lewis, David Cushing and Robert Gould, serve the Proprietors, with full powers to carry the foregoing vote into effect.



At a legal Meeting of the Proprietors of the Common and undivided lands in Hull. Met at the Rockland House in said Hull. April 18th at nine o'clock, A.M. 1865. - James S. Lewis Esq. chosen Moderator.

Voted, That the Proprietors sell to the County of Plymouth, by a Quit Claim Deed, their 144 Shares, with all their rights and interests in all their lands comprehended within the bounds as expressed in their act of Incorporation, known as the Common and undivided lands in the Town of Hull, for Twenty Dollars per Share, and that the County Commissioners assume all the liabilities of the Proprietors. Not to exceed the sum of Three hundred Dollars.

Voted.	Per Share	Year.	No. of Shares
Samuel T. Cushing by J. G. L.	11 1/2	John G. Loring.	8.
Theophilos Cushing.	10	Samuel H. Loring by J. G. L.	3
Charles W. Cushing.	3	Samuel Loring " " "	2
David Cushing.	2	Jacob H. Loring " " "	6
James Cushing.	2	Solomon Lincoln " " "	1
Morris Fearing.	1	John Mitchell " " "	4
+ Robert Gould	20	Moses B. Tower " " "	8 1/2
Hiram Gardner	1	Warren Nichols.	1
Thomas J. Hersey.	11	John Duffer	2
Peter Herbert.	3	Proprietors.	2
Ben. Jones	1		<hr/> 110.
James S. Lewis	4		
Ephraim Lincoln	1	Voted. May.	
Moses Lincoln	1	Jacob Cross.	1
Rachel Lincoln	1	John W. Tower.	9
			<hr/> 10

+ 14 A.G. 2 J.B.G. 2 R.B.G. & 2 E.G. Gould. (see paper.)

Voted, that there be a Committee to consist of three appointed to carry the foregoing vote into effect.

James S. Lewis, Robert Gould and John G. Loring, chosen to serve on said Committee.

Robert Gould, chosen Clerk and was sworn to that office.

Robert Gould chosen Treasurer.

Voted, that a Standing Committee consisting of three, be chosen on one ballot, whose duty it shall be to call Meetings in the future,

James S. Lewis, Robert Gould and David Cushing, were chosen said Committee.

Voted, that all the other officers be chosen by nomination.

Voted, to have three field drawers, John D. Tower,

Charles W. Cushing and John Ruffer, chosen.

Moses Lincoln, chosen an agent to clear shavings.

Voted, that the Commons be started the same as last year.

Voted, that the Stock be turned on, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May.

Voted, that the 8<sup>th</sup> article in the Warrant be passed over.

Voted, that the Standing Committee be authorised to sell any grass they think proper.

Voted, that this Meeting be now adjourned, sine die.

By Robert Gould.

Per. Clerk.

At a legal meeting of the Proprietors of the common and undivided lands in Hull, begun and held at the dwelling House of James S. Lewis Esq. in Hingham, at nine o'clock, A. M. on the second day of May, A. D. 1872.

David Cushing, was chosen Moderator.

Voted, unanimously, that the Proprietors sell all their remaining Common lands, with all their rights, title and interests, privileges of whatsoever kind and wherever found, whether on the Main land or any and all the Islands belonging unto said Common lands To Robert Gould, in Consideration of his paying one dollar for each and every share in said lands, Also he paying all the debts of the Corporation, together with all the expenses incurred in the winding up and final settlement of said Proprietors affairs.

Voted unanimously, that James S. Lewis Esq. be, and hereby is constituted and appointed our Agent clothed with full authority and power, to give and execute a proper Quit Claim deed, for and in behalf of the Proprietors, of all their remaining common and undivided lands in the Town of Hull, namely all their common lands, Meadows, beaches, flats, creeks, coves, ponds and islands, rocks, together with all their rights, privileges, and all islands and lands that may revert to said Proprietors. To Robert Gould, according to the preceding vote, for and in the considerations therein named.

Voted, that said James S. Lewis be instructed and authorised to adjust and settle all accounts, (with the Treasurer) and the affairs of the Corporation.

The names of the persons present and the number of shares represented, all voting in the Affirmative, namely.

1	Theophilus Cushing, own.	10 shares	6	William Gardner	1 share
2	Charles W. Cushing,	" 5 "	7	Jacob Gross,	1 "
3	James Cushing,	" 2 "	8	J. B. Gould	2 "
4	David Cushing,	" 2 "	9	R. B. Gould	2 "
5	Morris Faring,	" 1 "	10	E. S. Gould	2 "

11. Robert Gould, owner	14 shares	21. Peter Hobert. owner	3 shares
12. John G. Loring. " "	8 " "	22. Elijah Hobert. " "	4 1/2 " "
13. Saml. T. Cushing. " "	14 1/2 " "	23. Moses Lincoln. " "	1 " "
14. Moses B. Power, delegated " "	8 1/2 " "	24. Rachel Lincoln. " "	1 " "
15. Saml. H. Loring from J. " "	3 " "	25. Ephraim Lincoln. " "	1 " "
16. Samuel Loring, G. Loring " "	2 " "	26. Calvin Lincoln. " "	1 " "
17. Solomon Lincoln D " "	1 " "	27. Elijah Leavitt. " "	1 " "
18. Jacob H. Loring Rhoads. " "	6 " "	28 & 29. Benj Jones & D. Jones ad. " "	2 " "
19. John Mitchell. " "	4 " "	30. Warren Nichols. " "	1 " "
20. James S. Lewis. " "	4 " "	31. John Ruffer. " "	2 " "
		32. Proprietors (D. of M. Tower. 3 " "	
			1 " " S. Jones. 6 " "
No. of owners, Represented.	32 -		1 25 1/2 "
" " " Not do "	4		
Whole No. of owners -	36.	No. of Shares Not Represented	18 1/2 "
		Whole number -	144.

Noted, that this Meeting be now dissolved.

Attest Robert Gould, Pres.  
Clerk,

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